

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 571**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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SUBJECT: Removal of Cases from Probate Court to Circuit Court

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 571 amends Section 62-1-302 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by requiring that a Probate Court hold hearings on a party's motion to remove a case from Probate Court to the Circuit Court. The Probate Court may issue a written order of removal based upon specified factual findings.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The FIST network of local governments was surveyed and 2 counties responded. Both indicated there is no fiscal impact with the adoption of this Bill.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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